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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

Application No.: 10/076,573 Group Art Unit: 1624

Filed: February 8, 2002 Examiner: Truong, Tamthom Ngo

Confirmation No.: 2711

For: Substituted Hetero-Polycyclic Compounds as PPARα and PPARγ Activators (as

amended)

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the first Office Action on the merits mailed September 5, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire December 5, 2004, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). A petition for a two (2) month extension of time to increase the period for reply to February 5, 2004, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this response.

The Examiner states in the Office Action Summary that claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 17, 45-47, and 53-55 are pending in the application; claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 17, 46, 47, and 53-55 are rejected; and claim number 45 is objected to.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application, with current amendments noted.

Claim number 54 has been amended. Claim number 53 has been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.